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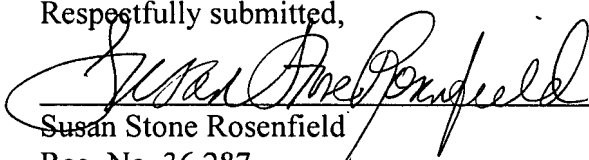
Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the statement in the Office Action that claims 4, 14 and 18-23 are allowable. Applicant hereby respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1-3, 11-13 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of the cited references, and maintains that the subject matter of the rejected claims is not obvious over the prior art for at least the reasons set forth in the Amendment and Response to Office Action filed November 16, 2006. However, in order to expedite issuance of a Notice of Allowance in connection with the allowable claims, all other claims have herein been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant most respectfully requests allowance of the claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative, if she believes that it would facilitate prosecution.

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Respectfully submitted,



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